

Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) Minutes, April 8, 2014. Meeting convened at 7:10 PM, Alpenhorn meeting room, Smithers, B. C. Board Members in Attendance: **Jeffrey Anderson (Chair), Trish Oosterhoff, Tim Penninga, Karen Price, Debbie Wellwood, Jack Hagen, Harold Kerr, Mathias Westphal, Bob Mitchell, Michael Sawyer** Absent, with notice: **Paddy Hirshfield, Eric Becker** Executive assistant: **Jill Dunbar** Guest: **Ed Hinchliffe**

Item	Discussion	Action
Agenda	Additions: New location for meetings, area-based tenures discussion, summer field trip, Bulkley AAC determination, Interior News update, D. Wellwood's comments on East Babine connector proposal. For May meeting: Relationship with government, funding, terms of reference, mandate.	Agenda accepted as presented.
Minutes, February and March, 2014; June, September, October, November and December, 2013 meetings	Members present accept the minutes.	Minutes accepted.
Executive	<p>Motion: That the Board appoints Mathias Westphal as BVCRB Vice Chair. All Board members present are in favour.</p> <p>Motion: That the Board appoints Paddy Hirshfield as BVCRB treasurer. All Board members present are in favour.</p> <p>Chair: Postponed. Discussion: Would be good to have a Past Chair position for continuity. This could be included in the BVCRB terms of reference. Having an appointed government employee as Board liaison would help with some of the research needed. Funding is needed for a Board employee – jointly with BVRC.</p>	
Spectra Energy project	<p>Letter to Spectra Energy in response to their presentation is ready to send. Discussion: Letter should be cc'd to FLNRO. This version is too detailed to send to media or other agencies. What is our role with these industrial projects? Board is an advocate for public values. Transcanada will give a presentation at May BVCRB meeting – examples of the information that the Board would like should be sent to them in advance. Board needs to know status of Spectra and Transcanada projects with regards to EA review.</p> <p>Motion: That BVCRB registers with the Environmental Assessment office to receive notice of project developments and status. All Board members present are in favour. As well, the Board should go ahead with a letter to government requesting a coordinated review of regional pipeline projects, as discussed previously.</p> <p>Also the EA review process should be clarified for the Board.</p>	<p>Jeff Anderson will send out letter to Spectra.</p> <p>Tim Penninga will advise Board members as to status of Transcanada and Spectra projects, within one week. Board will register with EA office for project updates. Karen Price will prepare a draft to government requesting a coordinated review of regional pipeline projects. Mike Sawyer will prepare a</p>

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		summary of the EA process, within two weeks.
Proposed Morrison Connector	Letter to PIR commenting on the proposal will be prepared. Project now has two gates proposed for access control. Discussion: There are other connectors proposed for routes outside the TSA. The Board can address these in general but it would be hard to find out the details. The letter should include a statement that it is difficult to assess this project since there is an absence of cumulative effects analysis for the landscape.	Mike Sawyer will prepare a draft letter, Karen Price will edit and circulate to Board members within 7 days.
Telkwa Wildlife Habitat Area	The Provincial government offset package would be different from the Federal package. It is important for the Board to work with the Province. Balancing the maintenance of a long-term healthy caribou population along with other wildlife, recreation, timber and biodiversity values is complicated.	Karen Price and Debbie Wellwood will investigate the possibility of a presentation on the Federal package for the June meeting. Board will review next version of the Provincial package when it is available.
Terms of reference	Terms of reference: FLNRO suggestion of an MOU to clarify the working relationship between FLNRO and the BVCRB should be followed up on, as per the FLNRO letter of Jan 10, 2014.	Tim Penninga will prepare and circulate a draft letter to government requesting core funding for BVCRB activities.
Summer RAMP report	The final report for the Real Estate Foundation of B.C. on the Summer RAMP project is underway.	
Davidson project	Thompson Creek Minerals has dropped the Davidson (Blue Pearl) project and wants the bond for water treatment returned. Adit is producing acid mine drainage water. Board should keep apprised of this situation as water treatment is needed but is also very costly.	
Area-based tenures	The deadline for comments on the Area-Based tenure discussion paper is approaching. This isn't a high priority since it is unlikely to affect the Bulkley TSA. Board members should review the materials and decide if they want more involvement.	
Public engagement	The public should be aware that there are a lot of issues before the Board and they can't all be dealt with considering the Board's current resources. There should be a two-year workplan that is reviewed by the public. Board members have their own personal networks and that is one way to raise awareness.	
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. Next meeting May 13, 2014; 7:00 PM; Location TBA		